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Please Pre-Register For The Festival By Calling Tribal Rolls



Walls Should Be Going Up At FireLake Discount Foods When Tribal Members Arrive For The Annual Festival

FireLake Foods begins to take shape

The construction of FireLake Discount Foods has seen much activity in the last few weeks. After the rains stopped and the ground dried out, the dirt-work was completed and the under slab plumbing and electric installation began. The exterior block is being laid and the refrigeration slabs are being poured as well.

Upon completion of the under slab work and exterior block and refrigeration slab work, FireLake Discount Foods will take on yet another major transformation – exterior block walls. The exterior block walls will take approximately seven weeks to complete, at which

time, the efis portion of the walls will begin. Once the walls are complete, the roof will be put on and the internals of the store will begin, which include, millwork, the setting of refrigeration cases and décor.

FireLake Discount Foods will

house such departments as produce, bakery, custom cut meats, and an extensive food court. The food court will consist of the Arctic Freeze Ice Cream Shop, a full-line deli that will furnish hot food, as well as fresh meats and cheeses. There

will also be a barbeque unit consisting of fresh smoked ribs, beef and chicken, a full-line of flavored coffee and cappuccino and a bagel bar. The expected date of completion for FireLake Discount Foods is mid February of 2001.

Festival plans being finalized as date nears

The second annual Potawatomi Heritage Festival activities have been scheduled for June 23-25. The Festival will have many of the same activities as last year with the addition of archery and chess. The softball tournament, planned for last year, but canceled due to the weather, is scheduled to begin on Saturday, June 24, 2000.

In order to ensure that all tribal members and their families have an opportunity to participate in as many activities as possible, we are going to pre-register families for the festival and for all activities. The on-line registration has been set-up and now allows tribal members to register on-line. Visit the Potawatomi Home Page at www.potawatomi.org to pre-register.

"We would like to see all of the reunion families participate in as many of the activities as possible," said Chairman Barrett. "We realize that each of the families would like to spend time "catching up" on family events, but we would also like for them to start new traditions that can be passed on to young and old alike."

For those who are not athletically inclined, there will be language classes, a film festival, health screenings, hand-games, dominos, checkers, chess and the opportunity to sit back and watch the activities of participating family members.

With the anticipation of 5,000 tribal members and their families, contact people have been assigned to each activity or event. If you wish to pre-register for any of the activities, you may do so by contacting the appropriate person by phone or e-mail (see list on page 2.)

ANNUAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 24, 2000. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 2000. Requests for absentee ballots must be in

writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request. A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of tribal officials, will be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.



CITIZEN POTAWATOMI FESTIVAL

(FOR CITIZEN POTAWATOMI AND FAMILY ONLY)



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Traditional Hand Games

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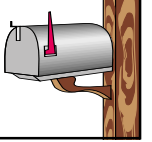
Archery

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SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

TRIBAL TRACTS

From Our Mailbox



Editor of How-Ni-Kan:

I wanted to let you know that Sid Goldsmith has been accepted at the University of Florida (#28 in the nation!) and will begin classes July 3d under a program called AIM.

This program is especially designed for minority and Native American students. He will have access to a personal academic advisory staff and tutors to help him adjust to college life at a school of 40,000 students.

Union High School's Native American Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma helped make this dream a reality and we would like the people of our tribe know about this. We were unable to be as active in the Native American Association as we would have desired because of Sid's constant participation in sports and academics and my college classes every night.

These people, from many different tribes, treated us like a part of the family and supported us every step of the way. Someday we hope to be able to give back to Union's Native American Association, as this is the way of our people.

The Native American Association at Union High School is teaching our young people what it means to be Native American! I just wanted to publicly thank them.

Sincerely,

Darlene Goldsmith



Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Saleh Barrett Clark. I am currently a senior at Shidler High School. I am Senior Class Vice-President, carrying a 3.83 grade point average. I am also a member of the LEAP Program and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I have participated in basketball, football, and baseball all four years of high school.

During the summers of the past four years, I have attended basketball camps at Ponca City, Oklahoma; Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, Oklahoma; and, the University of North Carolina, the Dean Smith/Chapel Hill, North Carolina basketball camps. The summer of 1999, I was employed at the Kanza Wellness Center, Newkirk, Oklahoma, as a lifeguard. My plans are to

attend college to become a coach and a teacher.

Recently, I was selected to be a People to People Sports Ambassador in the Dominican Republic at the Caribbean Tropical Shootout July 23-July 31, 2000). This program was started 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower, to promote understanding and fellowship between nations. Many different sports and teams from around the world are represented at the different sports venues.

This program is not free, yet it is a great honor to be selected as a sports ambassador. The cost of this program (tuition, accommodations, and associated costs) is the responsibility of the student/athlete. Therefore, I must seek sponsorship from other sources. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Should you decide to help sponsor my ambassadorship, I would like to meet with you, personally, to assure you that I will represent you, as one of my sponsors, and my country, to the best of my abilities, on and off the court.

My home phone number is 580-269-2385. My parents, Claude and LaDonna Clark, can be contacted at 800-847-0070.

Sincerely,

**Saleh Clark
Kaw City, Oklahoma**

(Note: Saleh Clark is of Citizen Potawatomi heritage although he is not an enrolled tribal member.)



Dear Rocky,

Thank you for the Pow-Wow. I had a great time. It was the first time my family danced with our Tribe in 100 years. See you next year.

**Travis Detherage
8 years old
Arlington, TX**



Mr. Rocky Barrett,

Thank you for supporting United Way during our recent circus event!

The elephant promotion was a huge success and enjoyed by many that might not have been able to attend the circus.

Thank you for your constant support to our community.

Sincerely,

**Audry Seeliger
United Way Director**

Ahau Bosho mine' nikanyen, Ni je na?

Didn't we have fun?

The weather was great, there was a breeze just when we needed it most, and the dancing was superb!

I have never seen so many Potawatomi people in one place before, and certainly never danced with so any of you at one time. Mig wech for coming out to dance on Saturday night, and for doing such a good job of it!

We can be proud of another thing too, and I have to speak of it. When I left the Pow Wow grounds on Saturday evening, very late in the evening actually, there was no trash to be seen anywhere. We had a Dance and did not cover our Mother Earth with the residue of our drinks, eats and smokes while we were dancing. Is that a first for us? You young men did a good job of keeping up with the crowd! Kche Mig wech.

Ik she gwien to all the Business Committee and all the Staff in Shawnee for making this Festival weekend a fast moving fun time for all. It took a lot of work, by a lot of people, to make it happen.

Did you go home with some prize money? There was plenty of that there, and all for Potawatomi people.

I enjoyed visiting with all of you, wish we had had even more time together. See you down the road, as the summer progresses. Be good to each other.

Bama mine'

**Lu Ellis
Magnolia, Texas**



I would like to thank you for helping with the funding of my schooling to obtain a teaching degree in elementary education at the University of Central Oklahoma. It has helped me not having to worry how I was going to pay for books and classes. Less worry has given me more time to study to be the teacher I have always wanted to be.

The fall and spring semester has given me more knowledge to be a teacher who will create lifelong learners. To help teach students to be well rounded citizens in our society, which

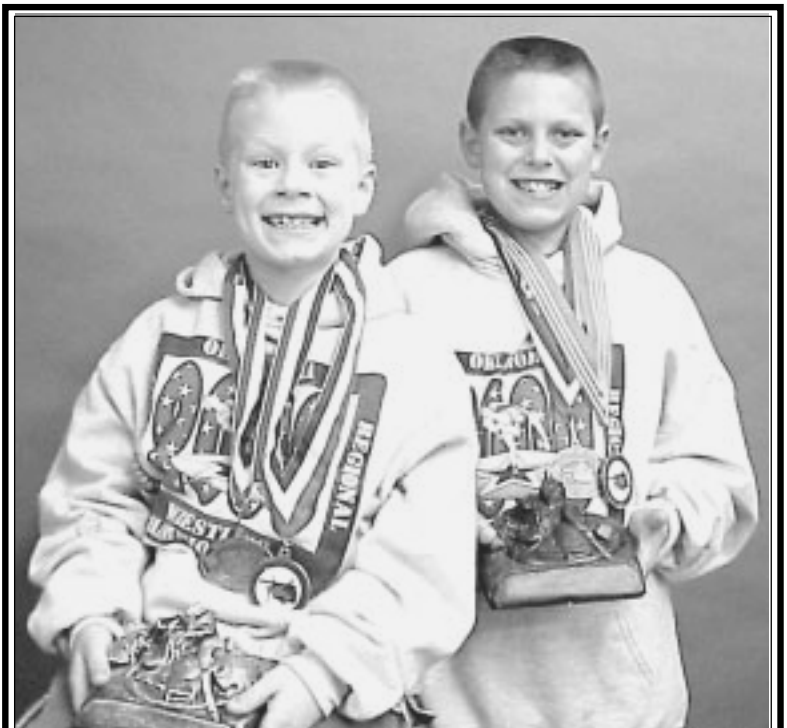
seems to have given up somewhat on the children. I am going to give my best efforts to achieve as much as possible as a student to be an inventive, interesting and exciting teacher.

I would also like to thank you for your faith in me even

though my prior schooling was not as informative. You have allowed me a second chance at a career I have always wanted to attain. Thank you so much.

Thankfully yours,

Sherri Courchene-Tero



Colton & Caleb Cline With Medals & Trophies

Young tribal members excel in wrestling competition

Colton and Caleb Cline, great-grandsons of Laverne (Trousdale) Cline, and members of the Potawatomi tribe, have become quite decorated in the sport of collegent-style wrestling this year.

Colton, 9, and Caleb, 6, who reside in Seminole, Oklahoma, but wrestle with the Shawnee Wolfpack, are the sons of W. Aaron Cline D.V.M. of Norman, and Vic and Melissa Auld of Seminole.

Both boys were dominant in their respective weight classes, with Colton finishing the year with championships in 7 out of the 9 tournaments he entered including Oklahoma State Novice Champion heavyweight. Caleb claimed gold in 4 of the 8 tournaments he entered and finished second in the other four, including second in the prestigious Junior Open Championships (a national tournament), and the Oklahoma Open State Championships, where Colton also took third.

Both boys were simultaneous champions in their respective weight classes in several tournaments including the Westmoore Invitational, the Tuttle Tiger Invitational, and the Midwest City Bomber Tournament of Champions. Both were Oklahoma Southern Regional Champions, in Lawton Ok. earning one of four number one seeds in their bracket in the State Tournament.

Both young men were honored on March 4th this year at the Shawnee Wolfpack wrestling banquet, with Colton being awarded Outstanding Division 2 wrestler (8 years and under) while Caleb was awarded Outstanding Overall wrestler of the Shawnee Junior Program.

TRIBAL TRACTS



Mystery Photos

Here are two more photographs that the Tribal Rolls department has no identifications for. If you recognize anyone in either of the photographs, please pass the information along to Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters. We will share any information received in a future edition. The photographs are from the collections of St. Gregory's Abbey and Sacred Heart Mission Historical Society.

Rehabilitation services grant awarded

Citizen Potawatomi tribal members and other Native Americans who live in the Shawnee area will retain convenient access to vocational rehabilitation services. That is one result of news that the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma has been awarded a new Section 121 Vocational Rehabilitation Grant.

Through the grant, the Iowa Tribe will continue to provide rehabilitation services for disabled American Indians living in Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Kay, Logan, Noble, Payne, and Pawnee counties.

Rowana Condry, a program staff person, is stationed at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal administration building Monday through Thursday each week. Condry can be reached at 405-275-3121.

The Iowa Tribe earned the highly competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS).

This is the second Vocational Rehabilitation Grant awarded to the Iowa Tribe; the first was awarded in 1994. OSERS officials say that receiving this grant a second time is real credit to the Iowa Tribe's performance under the first grant. Only a handful of tribes and Indian organization are awarded a second five year grant, the government awards second grants to only those programs it considers highly successful.

"The Iowa Tribe's elected officials and administrative staff are committed to serving the disabled, not just tribal members but other American Indians living in their service area," said Robert Washington, director of Iowa Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

"The teamwork of the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation staff is the primary reason that our program is successful," Washington said. "Everybody works to-

gether to provide services for American Indians with disabilities, whether we are writing grants or formulating rehabilitation plans for clients.

"This program is not a handout or social welfare program, it's an employment program," Washington said. "Our goal is for clients to become gainfully employed as quickly as possible."

Most clients require training or re-training to reach their employment goals. This program can provide up to \$600 assistance during a client's initial semester in college or technical school. It can also provide assistive devices such as wheelchairs, automobile adaptations, and ramps. "This assistance is available only if the client is seeking gainful employment," Washington said. "Because each client is different, the services provided by this program are tailored to the individual."

To apply for assistance through the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, applicants must meet these criteria or/and provide this documentation: Proof of Indian blood, either a tribal membership card or CDIB (The client does not have to be an Iowa tribal member); proof of residence in Pottawatomie, Lincoln, Kay, Logan, Noble, Payne, or Pawnee County; proof of a physical or mental disability; and, a completed Iowa Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Program Application.

Clients are not eligible for monetary assistance until their files are complete.

Counselors can be contacted at 1-888-336-4692 or at 405-547-5721. The program maintains an outreach site at Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee and by arrangement at the Pawnee Nation on Wednesdays. Please call the main number for dates, times, and other information.

Book Review

BY MARY SMITH, TRIBAL LIBRARIAN

Title: *Dancing Colors, Paths of Native American Women*

Author: Laine Thom; Introduction by C. J. Brafford
Published by Chronicle Books, San Francisco, CA

When you go to a museum, or one of those gift shops filled with Native American artifacts, have you ever wondered who made those things? Or why?

Sometimes you can read a short description of the item — such as the legend of the Dreamcatcher, usually included with that pair of earrings you bought for a friend. Or perhaps you can find a tag, with the artist's name and tribal affiliation, hanging from the sleeve of a vest.

But you still don't know much about who the artist really is.

What this book does, is give the reader a glimpse into the lives of the many thousands of Native American women who have been the creative force behind so much of what we classify today as Indian arts and crafts.

What struck my eye when I first picked the book up was the brilliant photographs — front cover, back cover, and almost every page is filled with images of baskets, clothing, beaded moccasins, jewelry, and Native American women.

But this book is more than just a pretty picture book. Nor is it a how-to book. Using both pictures and legends, it provides a glimpse into the lives of the women behind the Art.

To quote from the flyleaf:

"Plains Indians held the family circle sacred: it represented creation, respect, tradition, and harmony. At the center of that circle, walking in beauty, were women ... The clothes they wore and the implements they used were objects of art in themselves. To the Indian, there is no distinction between art and life or between what is beautiful and what is functional. Here ... are the clothing and objects that were a part of daily life for Native American women."

I wonder how many of us, in our homes today, who knit that afghan to keep the winter chill off our knees or sew those shells onto our Festival dress, realize that we are simply following a centuries-old tradition?

If you are interested in reading this book, you can check with your local library or bookstore. (The Tribal Library does not lend books; it is for on-site research only.) If you want to order books about Native American history and culture, you can get free catalogs from:

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CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION POSITION OPENINGS

Bowling Manager

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation announces a Bowling Manager position available at the FireLake Entertainment Center. A Bachelor's Degree in Business is preferred, with a minimum of three years experience working in a related field. This position will be responsible for the organizing, developing, and controlling the operations and promotions of a bowling establishment. Duties will include: To plan, direct, and coordinate financial control, and business development programs. Hire and train all center personnel. Supervise daily business operations. Must have good computer skills, and have good knowledge of general business methods including financial, marketing, and personnel management. Must be able to handle a flexible full time schedule with no set hours. This is a full time position with excellent benefits. Indian preference applies, but not absolute. Please send resumes to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shirl Eastep, Human Resources Director, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801.

Clinic Administrator

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is seeking an individual to assume the key role of Administrator of the Health Complex. Minimum five years executive level experi-

ence in a health care environment. Financial and analytical back-ground desirable. Will be responsible for overseeing the development of the medical services and must possess superior interpersonal and leadership abilities. Master of Public Health or Business Administration required or commensurate experience in lieu of degree.

The health facility is a designated Federally Qualified Health Center. Comprehensive benefits will include paid health insurance, annual and sick leave, 401k retirement plan. Please send resume or curriculum vitae to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shirl Eastep, Human Resource Director, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801. Closing Date: May 31, 2000.

Public Information Officer

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation announces a Public Information Director position. A Bachelor's Degree in Communications or Journalism is preferred, with a minimum of three years experience working in a related field. This position will be responsible for the developing and disseminating positive information concerning the Nation's members, programs, owned and operated business enterprises, employees, and the Tribal elected officials. Computer knowledge is a must. This position will utilize news releases,

photographs, news conferences, direct media contact, brochures, newsletters, radio and television public service announcements, paid advertisements, and Internet website postings as a means to get the information distributed. Must be available to photograph and report on events as determined by CPN Administration and program directors. This is a full time position with excellent benefits. Indian preference applies, but not absolute. Please send resumes to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shirl Eastep, Human Resources Director, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801.

Janitor

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation announces a Janitor position available in our Housekeeping department. Duties and responsibilities will include the cleaning of the facilities and other duties as assigned. Must be in good physical condition, have the ability to handle heavy lifting, bending and stretching, working with strong chemicals, and being on your feet for long periods of time. Must also be able to pass TB test and background check. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits. Indian preference applies, but not absolute. Please send applications or resumes to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shirl Eastep, Director of Human Resources, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801.

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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Northwest

Bozho Nikon:

Before you know it, the children will be out of school and enjoying their summer vacation. As good citizens and caring neighbors we should all help watch out for their well being. I am asking all my fellow members to please CARE.

If it be your children or your neighbor's, be watchful toward them and their well being. In our world today, so many people walk past trouble, saying to themselves, "This is not my problem" or "I don't

want to get involved." Is this why so many youths go wrong, getting in trouble for things that could have been avoided if someone had cared enough to just talk to them?

The office has been quiet here in Oregon. I have had some interest in a picnic in the Washington Area for this summer. I would like to hear from some of you to see if we can put one together.

For the members out there getting ready for college in the

fall, remember you must get your application for financial aid in early this summer. Call the office at (800) 522-3744 for an application and what you need to know before applying. Or, you can write to us at PO Box 346, Gervais, OR 97026

May you have enough happiness to make you gentle, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy.

Megwich,

— Rocky Baptiste

North Texas

I think this is Spring. Today it is raining, cool, and very nice. We don't like the weather we had recently in Fort Worth and Arlington, what with the tornado damage. I hope that our tribal members over there survived without too much damage. My brother-in-law was a little too close and had some damage, but the rest of the family made it through. I understand Oklahoma has also had bad weather.

My phone has been quiet except for a few calls about enrollment forms and scholarships. Now the calls about the Festival are starting. The dates are Friday, June 23 through

Sunday, June 25. I sure hope you have this date on your calendar and are planning to attend.

A lot of new things have happened on our land and plans for a great weekend are being made, including free food. Hope this rain lets up in time for the Festival. Some of the events had to be postponed last year because of mud.

I hope you all saw the Sixty Minutes segment regarding the mismanagement of the Indian land. I had several people – non-Indian — ask me if I saw it. They were interested and concerned. And I hope that you remembered to list yourself as

Native American on the Census 2000.

Good luck to our graduates from high school and college. Those of you who are going to college, the deadline for scholarship applications is June 1 for Summer and August 15 for Fall.

You can enroll your children and grandchildren and if you need a form, give me a call and I will send it to you. Please call if you have other questions. It's always good to hear from you and if I don't know the answer to your question, I will certainly try to find out for you.

— Marj Hobdy

A Mother's Day Poem

Today, a woman will give birth to a newborn son.

She will think for a moment ... her work is done!

He's here! It's over! No, it's just begun!

And her mind will wander to things yet to come...

There is growing and crawling and learning to play.

There is teaching and training and lessons each day.

Whom will he look like?

What will he be?

Whom will he marry?

Will she be like me?

Will he be famous and rich or poor and simple?

Will he be tall and handsome? Will he have my dimple?

What kind of man will he be? Maybe, loving and kind?

Will he be brilliant and witty? Have an incredible mind?

In our relationship, how close will we be?

When I've grown old, will he be there for me?

Will grandchildren visit?

Come stay for a while?

When they're grown up,

will they think of me and smile?

Lovingly she stares, with tears in her eyes!

And reality sets in, as her newborn cries.

Yes, his life has just begun and her work as well!

And how well she'll do, only time will tell!

— Gil Johnson

Dedicated to my mother (Kathleen Holloway Johnson) and my grandmother (Oleta Holloway). I hope that my life has made you proud, for I am very proud to be your son and grandson and I am a testimony of your life!

TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on

Helen Isabel Atkinson

Helen Isabel Atkinson, 89, passed away at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Clackamas, Oregon on March 11, 2000.

Helen was born in Wanette, Oklahoma on August 21, 1910. Her parents were John W. Barnes and Lavina Muller. In 1942 she moved to Southern California and lived in and around the Los Angeles area for many years. She retired from the executive offices with J.C. Penney in 1975 and resided in Enterprise, Oregon from 1976 until 1985 then relocated to Lake Oswego, Oregon.

She was so proud of her Indian heritage, which she inherited from her mother. The highlight of her year was attending the Regional Meeting in Oregon.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Cari and Jack Orr of West Linn, OR.; Willa and Vince Correll of Fresno, CA; grandchildren Stefanie Webb, Carnation, WA., Doug Orr, West Linn, OR., Jon Orr, La Grande, OR., Mike Rich, Beaverton, OR., Craig Correll, Carlsbad, CA., Susan Kehler, Fresno, CA., and Melinda Franklin, Fresno, CA; twelve great-grandchildren; and a brother, John W. Barnes, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

and Joseph Melot, and her mother was Margaret Lambert Melot. She had been a Borgan since 1943; she was employed at Pantex Plant near Amarillo, TX, loved gardening and crafts. For a few years she worked in Lubbock, TX., as a janitor and was an alteration lady.

Glati was preceded in death by her husband, Julian Johnson. She is survived by her six children; four sons, Thomas Johnson, Borger, TX., J.C. Johnson, Borger, TX., Earl Johnson, Kingsman, AZ., Elbert Johnson, Houston, TX.; and two daughters, Margaret Dunham and Mildred Harmon, both of Borger, TX.; also a sister, Marjorie Bailey and a brother, George Melot, both of Lubbock, TX. She has 20 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Private services were conducted by the Rev. Denzil Bailey, her brother-in-law, at Schooler, in Amarillo, TX., with cremation following. Burial services will be announced at a later date, but will be in Borger, TX., at the Westlawn Cemetery. She had been a resident at North Plains Health Care Center for four months, but she had resided at 303 Dolomite, Borger, TX.

Glati Melott Johnson

Glati Melott Johnson, 91, born August 12, 1908, at Wanette, Oklahoma, died March 17, 2000.

Her dad, Thomas Marion Melot was Potawatomi, the son of Catherine Bergeron



Eastep At Workshop

Shirl Eastep poses with Andrew Downing, a presenter at an Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Workshop in Tulsa. Eastep is the Director of Human Resources for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a position she has held for the past two years. She has been working diligently in adapting new policies and procedures for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Workers' Compensation Program. Eastep has been employed for the Nation since December of 1992.

LaVeda Sue (DeGraff) Hail

LaVeda Sue (DeGraff) Hail, 45, passed away Thursday, September 23, 1999, at the LakeRidge Care Center, Lakewood, Colorado of complications from her fight against Multiple Sclerosis for 9 years.

Born January 28, 1954 in Topeka, Kansas, LaVeda (Lee) grew up primarily in Jefferson County, Colorado. She graduated from Evergreen High School where she majored in biology and science in her urge to become a nurse. She attended nursing college at Kansas Wesleyan and Marymount College both in Salina, Kansas where she graduated and later married and lived until 1982.

She and her family moved to Denver, Colorado in the summer of 1982 and after moving back to Denver she received her RN in obstetrics. As a registered obstetrics nurse she served in several of the metro Denver hospitals beginning in surgery and later in OB. She served for a short period in the Denver Regional office working for Penny Bishop.

She is a granddaughter of Charles Edward DeGraff, a strong supporter of the tribe. Her family lineage includes Hipsher, Overbay, and Navarra. She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard LeRoy DeGraff, and is survived by her mother, Vivian C. DeGraff of Wheat Ridge, Colorado; a brother, Gerald L. DeGraff of Fort Lupton, Colorado; a sister, Cheryl A. DeGraff of Wheat Ridge, Colorado; two daughters, and a granddaughter.

Private cremation services were held in her mother's home, a Rite of Passage was performed by her Potawatomi relative and her ashes were scattered.



Heartfelt Thanks!

I sincerely appreciate the confidence that Citizen Potawatomi Nation members displayed in our current leadership by re-electing me to the Business Committee without opposition.

I pledge to continue the same responsive, creative representation that has brought us ownership of the fastest-growing bank in Shawnee, other profitable business enterprises, progress toward opening Oklahoma's most advanced discount supermarket, and programs which meet the needs of Citizen Potawatomi of all ages.

I hope to see each of you at the Second Annual Citizen Potawatomi Heritage Festival in Shawnee from June 23 through June 25. Our first festival was a great time of spiritual renewal and building friendships for everyone who attended.

Sincerely,

Jerry Paul Motley
Business Committeeman

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